IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventor(s): Mark S. Moriconi et al.

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

MAINTAINING SECURITY IN A

DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER

NETWORK

PATENT APPLICATION

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 28, 2007, and is being filed concurrently with a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Please revise the subject application as indicated below.

Amendments

Please amend the above referenced specification as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.